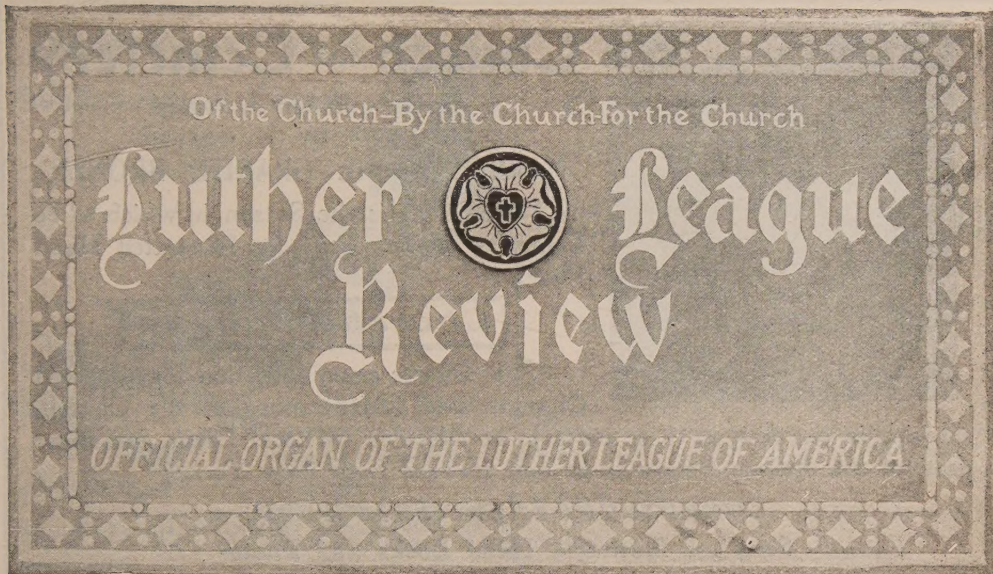




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OF AMERICA

Fifth National Convention

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS, JULY, 8, 9, 10, 1902

THE Fifth Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in St. Paul-Minneapolis, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8, 9 and 10, 1902. Business sessions in the Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates, and each State or territorial organization to ten delegates.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this fifth convention. It is only through united effort, and the determination of each League to contribute its share, that the convention will be a full success.

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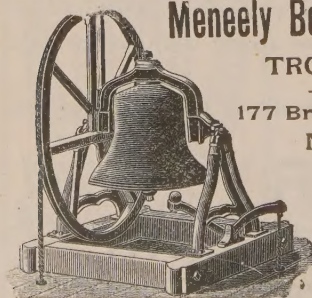
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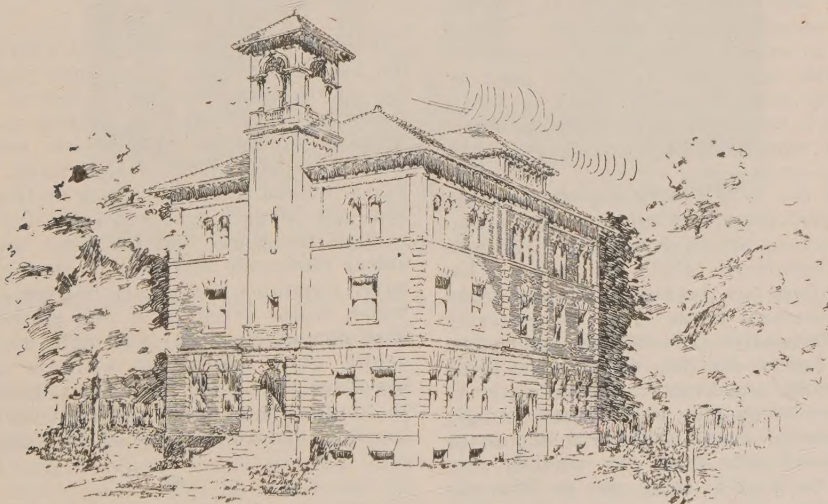
Hamma Divinity Hall

Springfield, Ohio.

By Rev. D. H. BAUSLIN, D. D.

THE new "Hamma Divinity Hall," the picture of which we present in this issue, is the building now used by Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ohio. The first building, erected in 1889, was completely destroyed by fire on the evening of December 28, 1900. It was a great calamity to this school of the prophets. The first

who sees it. The architect was Mr. Robert C. Gotwald, a son of the late Prof. Luther A. Gotwald, D.D. The building stands on one of the most commanding elevations on the beautiful and unsurpassed campus of Wittenberg College. It is beautifully finished, has all modern improvements and conveniences, is heated by steam and is



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building had been erected mainly through the generous donation of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Hamma, of Washington, D. C., after whom it was named. After the fire, with promptness, these devoted servants of the Church and friends of the seminary, came forward and generously offered to provide the amount necessary in addition to the insurance, to replace the building.

This has been done and the new "Hamma Hall," vastly better and more beautiful than the one destroyed, is admired by everybody

adapted in every way for the purposes for which the building has been erected. It presents a most attractive home for young men who are preparing for the ministry. The furnishing of the lecture and students' rooms has been provided for by churches and individuals. The room used by Dr. Ort is furnished by Mr. Geo. W. Watts of Baltimore, that by Dr. Breckenridge, by his classmate, Dr. I. K. Funk of New York, and that of Dr. Bauslin and the chapel, by Mrs. Elizabeth Harter of Canton. These rooms

are elegantly equipped, while all the students' rooms are fitted up attractively and comfortably. The new hall was dedicated in May, with an elaborate programme of services, participated in by many of the most prominent men of the Church. The new building will be occupied at the opening of the next session in September next.

"So Much to Do, So Little Done"

"So much to do, so little done," was one of the last sighs of Cecil Rhodes, the man who had spent his life in trying to amass riches and develop an unknown country. With all the labors of his years he realized that his efforts were but a drop in the bucket, and that the labors of many men would be required to accomplish the task of civilizing and cultivating the world. As his efforts had come so far short of his desires, he arranged that, after death, the wealth, which might have been profitably employed in his life time for the betterment of the world, should be used for the education of young men. We would not belittle the employment of a man's wealth which he leaves when he departs from this world, yet the thought should be impressed that now is the time to work, and that a man by his life upon earth can do so much more good by the speedy employment and distribution of that which he has than by leaving behind him that which he has gained by saving. There are great issues hidden in small acts, and it is the little efforts day by day, the faithful performance of duty, the kind attentions to others, which bring about by God's help the conclusion which He desires. One of our editors has recently put this thought in these personal words: Great issues rarely present themselves as being great, and when they are before one they do not seem to be of exceptional importance. The only way to make sure of meeting such issues fittingly is by meeting every issue as it should be met. Then a little thing met worthily may prove to be a great thing met as it should have been met.

"Tis only little things

Make up the present day, make up all days,
Make up thy life. Do thou not therefore wait,
Keeping thy wisdom and thine honesty
Till great things come with trumpet heraldings."

"Be Not Afraid, Remember the Lord"

The people were weak and they needed some inspiring thought or they might have lost courage, believing that they must be beaten. This was the thought that Nehemiah

gave them, that the Lord was on their side. The Lord is still on the side of His people, and they dare many things in the conviction that God will work for them. A woman wanted the use of a school house for a Sunday school. The man to whom she had to apply was a noted opponent of the Gospel. Before going to him, she asked God that she might have the house. She then asked the man, and he said: "No! The school house was built for secular learning, and we want none of your Bible nonsense." "Well," said the woman, "I didn't ask you first; I asked a higher one than you, and I believe I shall get what I want, because I mean to pray for it until I do; for, do you know that when I pray with all my heart there is something that always gives way? Sometimes it is a man's health, sometimes his life, but always something, and I am certain when I get the full strain of prayer on, something will snap." And something did snap. The man couldn't get the matter of the woman's praying out of his mind, and he sent word to her that she might have the house.

Little Acts

It is the bubbling stream which flows gently, the little rivulet which runs night and day by the farmhouse that is useful, rather than the swollen flood or warring cataract. Niagara excites our wonder, and we stand amazed at the power of God there, as He pours it forth from the hollow of His hand. But one Niagara is enough for the continent of the world; but the same world requires thousands and tens of thousands of silver fountains and gently flowing rivulets which water every farm and garden, and shall flow on every day and night with their gentle, quiet beauty. So with the acts of our lives. It is not by great deeds, like those of martyrs, good is to be done, but by the daily and quiet virtue of life.—*Onward*.

Don't waste your life in doubts and fears. Spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours or ages that follow.—*Benjamin Franklin*.

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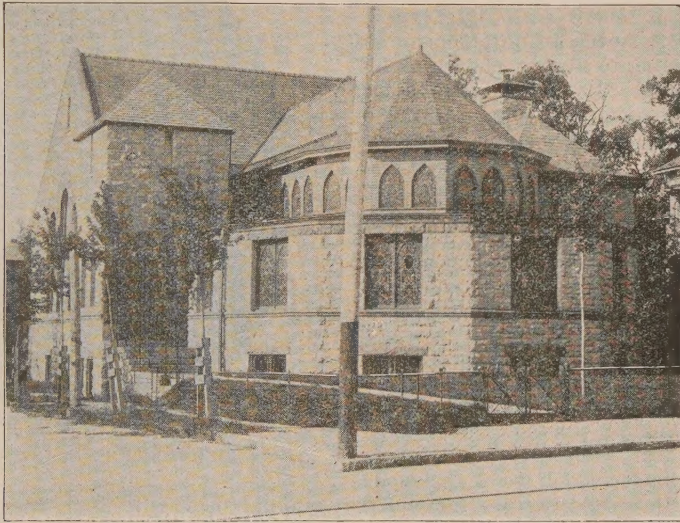
Luther League of Ohio

Seventh Annual Convention, Springfield, May 27-28

By REV. ARTHUR E. GRINGEL

ATTENDANCE upon the seventh annual State convention of the Ohio Luther League, May 27 and 28, would have most thoroughly convinced any who doubted the future of the League's work in Ohio, that this organization is destined to be one of the most important factors in shaping Lutheranism in the Buckeye State. The Fifth Lutheran Church, of which Rev. H. S. Lawrence is pastor, was very tastily decorated with palms and Luther League emblems. A Lutheran atmosphere pervaded the place, causing the visitors to feel "This

bers and Leagues. In the evening the pastor loci delivered an address of welcome, during which he briefly reviewed the work the Luther League has already done and aims to do in behalf of our churches. In a few graceful words Dr. Peschau responded, emphasizing that as the League is based upon true faith, unity in action and worship in all phases of Church life must necessarily arise. The next name on the programme was that of the late Rev. Prof. J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D., president of Wittenberg College. Suitable resolutions had been pre-



FIFTH LUTHERAN CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO. WHERE CONVENTION WAS HELD

is indeed the work of our own beloved Church."

About 100 delegates were present when the Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Miamisburg, Ohio, president of the League, opened with the regular Vesper Service. With a few well chosen words he introduced the theme of the opening thoughts "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us." Revs. Steck, Gotwald and Schnur took up the thought and expressed their grateful appreciation toward God for the wonderful progress of the work of the League in Ohio during the seven years past. Prejudice has been broken down, sister churches have confirmed our action, and the Spirit of God is evidently leading us on to greater things in His kingdom.

The reports of the various officers showed steady progress and increased interest, as well as growth, both in numbers of mem-

pared by a special committee, which were read at this time, setting forth the many admirable and excellent qualities of him who had so recently departed from among those who loved him and who now cherish his memory. Dr. D. H. Bauslin delivered the address on "Our Mission at Home," saying that our mission was along four lines: Literary, educational, missionary and pedagogical. Dr. Bauslin is a splendid scholar and has always something to say worth listening to, and did not fail to instruct and interest by his address.

The Rev. C. S. Kohler of Cleveland next spoke on "Lutheran Literature." The ease with which he spoke, his grasp of the situation, sound advice, use of telling illustrations, and delivery, using no manuscript, made his address both entertaining and instructive to a high degree.

Early the next morning the convention

opened with the Morning Service. The first speaker was Prof. P. O. Getter, Miamisburg, who addressed the convention on "The Benefits of the Luther League to Its Members." He showed that the League contributed to the personal happiness of its members by laying the foundation, sound doctrine upon which is built up Church activity which cheers the heart and satisfies the mind. A paper by the Rev. J. L. Smith of Roseville, Ohio, was read by Miss Wilson, on "The Benefits of the League to the Congregation." He pointed out that the League consists of the devoted members of the Church and continues the work begun in confirmation, giving the young members opportunity to be trained to do something. It keeps them in touch with the Church. Helps to promote Lutheran development in practices pertaining to liturgy, church architecture and song. It assists the pastor and develops systematic giving. It was a fine paper, sparkling with many jewels of good thought.

The next paper, on "The Benefits of the League to the Church at Large," was prepared by the Rev. J. C. Schindel of Newark, but being called away that morning, he had it read by the Rev. F. P. Bossart of Lima, Ohio. The paper showed that the peculiarity of the League consisted in that it is working of, by and for the Church. The League is the post-confirmation school—the Church carrying on her work among the young people. The League presents the unified forces of our dear Church. It gave us a common ensign under which we of all synods gather, for the three-fold purpose for which we organized the League, to benefit the Church at large, by being individually of, by and for the Church. It was a carefully prepared paper.

At the afternoon session, Miss Maud Ferguson of Van Wert read an interesting paper on "Mission Information in Our Topics." She showed how meager the information on missions must be where only the occasional sermon is heard. The vast field can only be covered by systematic study. Harry Hanschue of Akron next spoke on the "Historical Information in Our Topics." As the present is a child of the past, the past must be known to understand the present. This he showed to be true concerning our own country. It is true of ecclesiastical history, and more especially of the history of the Lutheran Church. As there is no history without men, the lives of our leaders must be carefully studied. This enables us to refute slanders and keep alive interest.

Miss Mabel Mower of Urbana then read a

paper on "Junior League Work," in which she showed that the Lutheran Church always lays stress upon training the young. The Junior League is to the League what the primary department is to the Sunday school—a feeder. The Rev. L. H. Larimer of Tippecanoe next presented a paper on "Young Men for the Ministry," in which he showed the importance of the Lutheran ministry for the uplifting of men and the need for more young men to enter this work, especially as the demand is greater than the supply. Trouble is ahead unless



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suitable men will offer themselves. This paper was a most excellent one, thoroughly well prepared, and delivered with great force.

Miss Blanche Christy of Ellerton, Ohio, read a paper on the "Deaconess Work," showing its needs, growth, nature, and laying it upon the hearts of her sisters to engage in this calling. The discussion showed familiarity with the work and was an earnest plea.

At the evening service the Rev. A. F. Siebert of Germantown was the first speaker. His address on "Our Mission Abroad" showed that the horizon of many men is limited, and the only way to widen this horizon is for such men to acquaint themselves with the needs of the larger field. The address showed Brother Siebert's knowledge of the situation, his love for the Lutheran field, and the paper was much enjoyed by those who heard it.

The Rev. J. S. Simon of Cincinnati, Ohio, followed with a paper on "Lutheran Liberalism," in which he showed that Lutheran

liberty is the Lutheran exercises, according to his faith. The Lutheran emphasizes truth against error, and knows no compromise with error. If that be intolerance, we are intolerant. Our liberty is that of arithmetic, which allows no contradiction. This address showed deep thought and was well delivered. Dr. Mechling of Lancaster followed with an address on "Lutheran Loyalty," in which he showed the necessity of being loyal to the family, the State, and the Church. Through Luther we have the Gospel in its original purity, and should stand loyally by the teachings of our Church.

With a few farewell remarks the convention closed the most successful meeting thus far. The present membership of the

League is 1428; the benevolent offerings amounted to \$1,388.76. The following are the officers for the year:

Pres., Rev. Fred. G. Gotwald; rec. sec., Miss Grace Hunton; cor. sec., Charles Ribble; treas., Charles Mathes; stat. sec., Rev. Charles F. Steck. The election of the Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald as president of the League was one of the most happy selections which could be made. Rev. Gotwald is a thorough Lutheran, a fine scholar, enthusiastic Luther Leaguer, and especially a man in possession of a large measure of that very uncommon quality, common sense. He was instrumental in organizing the Ohio State League, and under his administration the work will go forward.

Luther League of South Dakota

Fifth Convention, at Garretson, May 23-24-25

THE fifth annual convention of the South Dakota Luther League, held at Garretson on May 23, 24 and 25, was considered the best convention the League has held.

Two hundred and fifty delegates and visitors were present.

Delegates began arriving Thursday night, and the first session was held Friday morning.

The State President, John G. Berdahl of Canton presided at every meeting. C. C. A. Jensen acted as recording secretary in place of Miss Mamie Weeks of Vermillion, who was unable to attend.

Friday morning's session was purely a business one. The convention organized, appointed committees, &c. In the afternoon Rev. H. M. Solem, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Garretson, made the welcoming address. The president, J. G. Berdahl, made his annual address, which was full of good thoughts.

The recitations and music throughout the entire programme were well rendered and entertaining. The Augustana College Choir deserve special mention for the splendid manner in which they rendered truly difficult music.

The event of Friday evening was the lecture on "Courage," by Prof. E. G. Lund, D.D., of Minneapolis.

At the Saturday morning session the principal business, after a short programme, was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Pres., Rev. C. K. Solberg, Vermillion; vice-pres., Lewis Larson, Sioux Falls; rec. sec., Hannah Nortvedt, Canton; treas., Orin Olson, Brookings; cor. sec., Olai Anderson,

Dell Rapids. Executive Committee—Rev. H. M. Solem, Olai Anderson, Chr. O. Berdahl, C. C. A. Jensen and Ida Iverson. Extension Committee—J. G. Berdahl, Rev. M. O. Wee, Professor Christianson.

It was voted that we apply for admission into the National Luther League and that we send delegates to the convention at St. Paul.

The following were elected as delegates: Rev. C. K. Solberg, Chr. O. Berdahl, Lewis Larson, Olai Anderson and Hannah Nortvedt.

Saturday afternoon the Garretson League gave a reception to the delegates and visitors at the beautiful Spirits Canyon, where refreshments were served, and all had an enjoyable time getting better acquainted.

The sermon Sunday morning, by Rev. C. K. Solberg of Vermillion, was excellent, and the song service by visiting choirs, which followed, was a treat to music lovers. Sunday evening Prof. A. G. Tuve of Canton delivered an address, choosing for his subject "The Alphabet." Beginning with "A" he chose the word "Activity," and with a passage of Scripture reading to punctuate his remarks, told of the activity necessary on the part of Christians to do Christ's work. For every letter of the alphabet he had an appropriate word and passage of Scripture, and some of his thoughts were excellent.

This closed the convention, which every one regretted.

The work of the Luther League in South Dakota is spreading and will, in the near future, be as strong as any State League in the country. Dell Rapids League invited the State League to hold its convention there next year, which was unanimously accepted.

Luther League of America

Fifth Convention

ST. PAUL - MINNEAPOLIS

July 8, 9 & 10th. 1902.

"Brethren Pray for Us"

The keynote of the fifth convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at St. Paul-Minneapolis, July 8, 9 and 10, will be "*Working and Praying—Praying and Working.*" The officers of the National League are desirous of making this convention of great blessing to the Church, to bring to our Lutheran young people a fuller realization of their duties in the Church and the responsibilities that rest upon them.

The prayers of all our people are needed, and Lutheran pastors are asked, on the Sunday before the meeting, to offer a prayer in their churches for the Luther League and the convention.

Arrival and Registration

On your arrival at St. Paul on Tuesday, July 8, report at the Memorial Church, West Sixth and Exchange streets, where you will register.

Memorial Church, in which the business sessions are to be held, will be a rendezvous for the incoming delegates and friends. Prof. C. G. Schultz has been selected as chairman of the Reception Committee, and if you will kindly notify him as to when you expect to arrive, and on which one of the many roads you expect to reach the city, and at which hotel you prefer to abide, he will try to have an escort for you. He is the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction and can be found or addressed at the State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

Hotels, Etc.

In order to be sure that every one is posted, we repeat what the chairman of the Local Committee had to say in our last issue about hotels. Within walking distance of the depot (though you can ride if you wish to) are our leading hotels, and these again are not far from either of the churches or from the Auditorium, where the grand rally is to be held. The Local Committee decided to make the Windsor Hotel convention headquarters, as it is so accessible to the Memorial Church, where the business sessions will be held. It is

located at Fifth and St. Peter streets and grants rates of \$2 and \$3 per day, American plan. The Metropolitan, at Fourth and Washington, also very near the church, has made rates of \$1.50 and \$2. This is also a fine hotel and at one time was considered the best family hotel in the city. The Clarendon, at Sixth and Wabasha, is two and a half blocks from the church, with rates of \$1.50 per day, American, and from 75 cents to \$1 single and \$1 to \$2 double, European. The Hotel Astoria, on Wabasha street, near Sixth, is 50 cents to \$1.50, European. The Hotel Ryan, which is the largest hotel in the city, is not quite so convenient to the church, but nearer to the station. It is located at Sixth and Robert streets, and allows us rates of \$2.50 and \$3.50. There are intermediate rates, of course, in all these cases. The Merchant's, at Third and Jackson streets, and the Kendall, at Fourth and Jackson streets, are also first class hotels, but are nearer the station and not so convenient to the church.

Programme

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 8, 3 o'CLOCK.

Registration of delegates at Memorial English Lutheran Church, West Sixth and Exchange streets, St. Paul.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 8, 7.45 o'CLOCK.

FIRST SESSION.

First Swedish Lutheran Church,

Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Pastor.

Opening Devotional Services.

Addresses of Welcome:

Hon. S. R. Van Sant, Governor of Minnesota.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, President Luther League of Minnesota.

Nels Jensen, President Luther League of Twin Cities.

Response—W. C. Stoeve, Esq., President Luther League of America.

Closing Services.

Reception and Social Hour.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 9, 9.15 o'CLOCK.

SECOND SESSION.

Memorial Lutheran Church (Where All Business Sessions Will be Held).

Devotional Services.

Reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Address: "Working and Prayer Must be Joined."

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Lancaster, Pa.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 9, 2 O'CLOCK.

THIRD SESSION.

Devotional Services.

Address: "Praying and Working the Forces Moving the World."

Rev. J. A. Wirt, D.D., Des Moines, Ia.
Reports of Committees: Executive, Literature, Publication.

Address: "Power of Prayer."

Miss Josephine Maedel, Kansas City, Mo.
Discussion: Prayer Cycle.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 9, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

FOURTH SESSION.

Services in Six Lutheran Churches of St. Paul-Minneapolis. Two Addresses in Each Church.

St. John's Church, 17th and Chicago Ave. So., Minneapolis.

Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Pastor.

"The Church's Need and Work in This New Century."

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, Springfield, Ohio.

"Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

Rev. G. W. Sandt, Philadelphia, Pa.

St. James' Church, Corner Marshall and Grotto Sts., St. Anthony's Hill, St. Paul.

"The Church's Need and Work in This New Century."

Rev. F. L. Sigmund, Carthage, Ill.

"Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

Rev. H. B. Richards, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bethlehem Norwegian Church, Corner 14th Ave. So. and 18th St., Minneapolis.

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"Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

Mr. I. S. Runyon, New York City, N. Y.

St. Peter's German Church, Eighteenth and Dupont Avenue North, Minneapolis

Rev. H. W. Hartig, Pastor.

"The Church's Need and Work in This New Century."

Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Barren Hill, Pa.

"Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

Mr. Horace W. Bikle, Pittsburg, Pa.

Memorial Lutheran Church, West Sixth and Exchange Streets, St. Paul.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Pastor.

"The Church's Need and Work in This New Century."

Rev. C. S. Albert, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

"Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

Prof. Gustav Andreen, Rock Island, Ill.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 10, 9.15 O'CLOCK.

FIFTH SESSION.

Devotional Services.

Address: "Prayer Without Work."

Rev. J. W. Smith, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Address: "Work Without Prayer."

M. C. Olson, Chicago, Ill.

Business: Election of Officers, &c.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10, 2 O'CLOCK.

SIXTH SESSION.

Devotional Services.

Address: "Work of the League: Local."

Rev. M. J. Bieber, Binghamton, N. Y.

Address: "Work of the League: Abroad."

Rev. Gustave H. Stearns, Milwaukee, Wis.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Grand Rally Meeting in the Auditorium of St. Paul.

Devotional Services.

Address: "The League: What It Is."

F. A. Hartranft, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

Address: "The League and Our Institutions."

Rev. F. A. Swenson, D.D., Lindsborg, Kan.

Address: "The League and Missions."

Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., Guntur-Rajahmundry, India.

Music by a chorus under the direction of Henry W. Knauff.

Transportation

Transportation to the convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8, 9 and 10, 1902.

Rates.—A rate of one first-class, limited fare for the round trip, plus \$2.

Dates of Sale.—From territory of Western Passenger Association, July 7 and 8, from points within a radius of 150 miles from Minneapolis; from all other points July 5, 6 and 7.

Central, Trunk Line, New England and Southeastern Passenger Associations, July 4, 5 and 6, sale to be so regulated that tickets will be presented at the gateways of the Western Passenger Association on July 5, 6 and 7.

Trans-Continental Passenger Association from points in California, July 1 and 2; from points west of Colorado common points and Cheyenne, July 3 and 4; sale to be so regulated that tickets will be presented at the gateways of the Western Passenger Association on its authorized dates of sale.

Southwestern Passenger Bureau, July 5, 6 and 7, from points in Missouri; July 5 and 6 from points in Indian and Oklahoma Territories and from points in Texas, north of a line drawn from Big Springs through Comanche, Waco and Lufkin, and July 4 and 5 from points in Texas south of the line named.

The dates of sale from North Pacific Coast points will be June 28, July 1 and 3; from Spokane, Lewiston, Huntingdon and Kootenai common points, June 29, July 2, 3 and 4; from Helena, Butte and Anaconda, Mont., July 4, 5 and 6; going limit July 10.

The several lines not connected with the above named associations will grant corresponding dates of sale providing for arrival in Minneapolis on July 6, 7 and 8.

Limits and Stop Overs.—All tickets will provide for continuous passage in both directions, excepting:

Stop overs at and west of Colorado common points will be granted on the return trip on tickets from Trans-Continental Association territory; also a stop over will be granted at Mackinac, Mich., on tickets reading via the Soo Line and the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company.

Tickets from the North Pacific Coast and intermediate points will allow for stop overs in each direction within transit limits except on tickets reading via Huntington and the Missouri River; stop overs will not be allowed east of Colorado common points and Cheyenne.

Tickets are limited to leave Minneapolis on the return trip not earlier than July 8 nor later than July 14, with the provision that tickets may be extended for return on any date not later than September 1, by depositing the same with the joint railway agent at Minneapolis between July 8 and 14, inclusive, and paying a deposit and validation fee of 50 cents.

All tickets must be validated for return by the joint agent; for validation of tickets not deposited a charge of 25 cents will be made.

Ask for reduced rate ticket to the National Educational Association Convention if your railroad agent has no authority to sell for the Luther League Convention. The rate for both conventions is the same.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad has been designated as the official line between Chicago and St. Paul.

J. F. DINKEY,

Chairman Transportation Committee.

Table of rates to convention of Luther League of America, to be held at Minneapolis on July 8, 9 and 10, 1902. (Based upon one fare for the round trip plus \$2.)

FROM EASTERN POINTS.

Boston	\$35.50	*\$31.50
Springfield	33.50	31.50
Albany, N. Y.	32.50	31.65
New York	33.50	31.50
Philadelphia		31.70
Washington		31.00
Montreal		30.50
Toronto		23.65

FROM SOUTHERN POINTS.

Chattanooga, Tenn.	\$29.70
Nashville, Tenn.	25.20
Atlanta, Ga.	33.80
Charleston, S. C.	33.50
New Orleans	35.35
Galveston, Texas.	36.90

FROM CENTRAL POINTS.

Buffalo	\$26.60	\$25.10	†\$20.50
Pittsburgh	25.50		24.00
Detroit	20.25		†17.00

* Where two or more rates are named different routes are indicated.

† By lake steamers and rail via Mackinac.

Cincinnati, Louisville.	21.50
Chicago	13.50
Peoria	13.75
St. Louis	18.00
Kansas City	15.55

FROM WESTERN POINTS.

San Francisco.	\$72.40
Los Angeles	72.40
Phoenix, Ariz.	64.20
Boise, Idaho.	47.00
Silver City, N. Mex.	48.70
Albuquerque	43.00
Las Vegas.	37.70
Lewiston, Idaho.	44.50
Denver (and other Colorado common points)	27.90
Salt Lake City and Ogden	38.75
Portland and Puget Sound points.	52.00
Spokane and Kootenai points.	44.50
Helena, Butte, Anaconda.	34.50

Christ's Best Friends

The common people have always been Christ's best friends. They were common people who heard Him gladly when the great were persecuting Him; from the common people His church has been most largely recruited; even so to-day the hearts of the common people are the greatest bulwark of faith. If the common people have honored Christ, still more has Christ honored them by using them in defense of His truth and the spread of His Gospel. Through them, in a thousand quiet ways, He is daily being preached. They are the mainstay of every movement for righteousness; they comprise the bulk of His church. Christ uses common lives not because they are common lives, but because they are willing to be used by Him. God requires not talents, but submission. It matters little to Him whether life be common or great, as the world views it. He only asks that life be yielded to Him; He is perfectly able to fill it with all power and to accomplish mighty works in His name. There is no life too humble to be greatly used of God. He wants not worth, but willingness.

Young People's Week at Chautauqua

The days from July 21 to 25 at Chautauqua will be given over, for the most part, to the discussion of topics of most interest to the young people of the present day. Conferences will be held and public addresses delivered by leaders of the most important young people's organizations. The discussions will be undenominational and the subjects varied. Each morning at 9 o'clock will be conference and Bible reading, conducted by some prominent worker; at 10 o'clock the devotional hours. Reception, lake excursions and other forms of outings will be given during the evenings through the week. The idea is to combine with the serious discussions and meetings a pleasant outing for the young people who make Chautauqua their rallying ground at this period. A large attendance is expected.

EAST-and-WEST

BY LEANDER S. KEYSER.



A STORY OF TWO.

Chapter IV.—Changing a Situation

ON that fateful evening when Miss Devore went with Luther Colburn to the Lutheran Church, she was quite gay and vivacious. It must be confessed that she always seemed to be happy in Luther's company. The young couple started early and walked to the church. She was elegantly dressed, and might have impressed some people with the thought that she was proud of her beauty. When they turned off upon Rose street she uttered an exclamation of surprise:

"Here is our little church," Luther informed her, when they reached the building.

"This!" she cried in unconcealed surprise, not unmingled with raillery. "Ha! ha! It's a kind of Lilliputian affair."

For the second time Luther felt hurt and repelled by her manner. He found her a seat in one of the pews, and then went up into the choir. The church, small as it was, was not more than half filled. It turned out to be one of those evenings when everything goes topsy turvy in a church service. The hymns were sung in a lifeless way and out of tune, and the choir made several blunders in the anthem. Mr. Wilsden, evidently too much preoccupied with other matters during the week, delivered a number of platitudes in a perfunctory way, and seemed to be glad when the discourse was over. Luther glanced occasionally toward Miss Devore, and noticed with consternation that there was a smile of derision on her face. After the service he overheard one of the lady members of the choir call the girl "that proud hussy coming here to make fun of us."

On the way home Miss Devore laughed at the service. Her raillery was not coarse and brusque, but rather like the sting of a stiletto. She could not understand, she said, why he, a young man of talent and ambition, should identify himself with a small church like that, and with such a class of people. Something very like a sneer curled her lip as she made the ungracious remark.

The half hour spent in walking to her home was the most agitated half hour of Luther's life. He had begun to care a great deal for the beautiful girl. He believed that

he had really come to love her. She was so bright, so piquant, so entertaining. Yet as he walked by her side he reasoned that he could never be happy with a woman who would scoff, more particularly who would scoff at his church, however humble it might be. Her derision did not reveal the true spirit of the religion of Christ, of which she was a professed adherent. Was she hypocritical or only flippant? Whatever it was, it would come between them in the marital relation and mar their happiness.

But how could he give her up? He never knew until that hour how deeply his feeling for her had rooted itself into his being. With a supreme effort he controlled his agitated emotions, made no reply to her gibes, and when he reached her door simply lifted his hat, bowed and bade her good night. She was evidently greatly surprised at his abrupt leave taking, and opened her lips to ask him to come into the house and stay awhile, but noting the firm look on his face, she turned and went into the door.

After that, when they met, as they did sometimes incidentally, she looked questioningly, not to say pleadingly, into his eyes, and her face usually grew pale in his presence.

He suffered—no one will ever know how poignantly. But he did not call again on Belle Devore. It required all the firmness and philosophy he possessed to carry out his resolve. Whenever he felt himself weakening he recalled the scornful curl of her lips as she sat in the Lutheran Church on that memorable evening. He declared to himself that he would never marry a girl who would scoff at anything or anybody, much less at so sacred a thing as a religious service.

There could be no doubt that the girl suffered, too. Her face grew thin and pallid, and when it became evident that Luther was permanently estranged she sought relief in travel. There are sad tragedies in this world, some of them enacted only on the secret stage of the human heart. Several years afterward the girl said to one of her confidential friends:

"Of all the young men who ever came to see me, I thought the most of Luther Col-

burn. What I ever did to displease him I can't imagine. The last time we were together we walked to the Lutheran Church, away out on some shabby street. It was a ridiculously little church, and the service itself was ludicrous; but I confess that a glamour of romance hangs about that episode when I remember that I was with him that evening. If I could have my way now I would rather go with him to that humble church than to the proudest church in the land with any one else. Why did he leave me so abruptly that evening? Why did he never come back?"

What a pity Luther could not see the depth of womanly love in the girl's nature; that only her outward flippancy was revealed to him!

But does fidelity never meet its reward in this world? Let us trace the history of Luther Colburn and see. The summer waned, autumn came and October was ushered in. It was two days before the annual meeting of the synod to which St. Paul's congregation belonged. Luther and his uncle were busy in the latter's office. Suddenly the door opened, and Mr. Wilsden entered. He glanced around uneasily, and was obviously embarrassed. After the usual greeting, he said to Mr. Colburn:

"Brother Colburn, I—I am sorry to say I can't go to the synod."

"Can't go to the synod! Why not?"

"Well—well—I regret to say I've got a suit in court over some of my town property. It is set for some day this week. Besides, my tenant has suddenly left the farm and I'm simply compelled to stay at home and look after things."

"I thought all our Lutheran pastors were in duty bound to attend the synodical meetings."

"So they are, so they are, if they can; but it might involve great financial loss for me to leave my affairs just now, and I am sure that would be regarded as a valid excuse by the brethren."

Mr. Colburn looked musingly at his pastor for almost a minute. Then he seemed to be moved by a sudden access of courage.

"Has it ever occurred to you, pastor," he said slowly, "that one man can't combine some occupations successfully? Farming and preaching, for instance."

The minister's face grew as red as blood could dye it. He winced as if he had been stabbed. Mr. Colburn, noting the effect of his inquiry, was almost sorry he had spoken so plainly.

"You think I ought to give up the pastorate?" the minister asked, his lips trembling.

"I won't say what you should do. I would

simply remind you that one man cannot attend to so many things successfully at the same time. You remember the old proverb about having 'too many irons in the fire.' Paul's motto was, 'This one thing I do.'"

"Well, if you're going to quote Scripture at me I'll present my resignation at once," returned Mr. Wilsden, with some spirit. "I shall have it ready to be acted on by the congregation next Sunday. And now as to synod, it is out of the question for me to attend. If I resign I'm not especially interested in being there, any way. Your nephew is the delegate; I will hand over the apportionment and parochial report to him. He will represent the congregation amply. Good-day."

He was gone before Mr. Colburn and Luther could recover their breath. Mr. Colburn was usually a staid and dignified bachelor, but no sooner was the door closed on his visitor than he leaped to his feet and took several smart turns on the floor like a boy just let out of school.

"Why, uncle, you don't seem to feel very sad," laughed Luther.

"I feel both sad and glad," replied the other. "But no matter about my feelings just now. My boy, while at the synod keep your eye on the ministers you meet, and see whether you can't pick out one that will make us just the pastor we need."

"I might pick out one, but probably we couldn't secure him."

"We surely can't if we don't try. See here, my lad," and there was a look of masterful strength in the elder man's eye, "we're done with playing at Church matters from now on—you and I. We're going to put vim and spirit and business into it, and, most of all, God. Do you hear?"

Luther was almost frightened at his uncle's earnestness. He had never seen him in such a mood before, but he had learned that when once this uncle of his made a resolve he would carry it out.

"I'll tell you what, Luther, my boy," the uncle pursued, "we're going to have a first-class preacher and pastor at St. Paul's if I have to pay four-fifths of his salary myself. Do you take me for a pauper, my dear nephew? Well, you've had a right to think so, judging from the niggardly support I've been giving the Church. Why, I've just waked up to the fact that I'm a rich man. God has greatly blessed me since I came to this wonderful country. I'm going to do something for Him. So keep your eye open for a pastor. Never mind about the salary—I'll take care of that if you can find the right man. Ask God to direct you, Luther. It's such a serious matter that you and I need His di-

rection." Mr. Colburn's eyes were glistening now. "Say, nephew, let us just step into that little room, where we can be all alone, and pray over this matter."

They slipped into the small apartment, and seldom in his life had Luther heard so fervent and effective a prayer as that which fell from his uncle's lips. He was the more surprised because he had thought his uncle almost destitute of spirituality.

"My dear, blessed old uncle!" said Luther, clasping his uncle's hands.

Luther went to the meeting of the synod, and "kept his eyes open," too, as per his uncle's advice. One of the pastors, still a comparatively young man, impressed him profoundly. In all the transactions of the convention he displayed a kind but firm spirit, was neither officious nor timid in the expression of his views, and spoke in clear, ringing tones that always commanded respectful attention. On Sunday morning Luther went to hear Mr. Berlew—for that was the minister's name—preach in one of the churches. During the sermon, so full of spiritual power and yet compact with thought, Luther and many more were melted to tears and all were profoundly moved.

"That is the man we need in Belmarue," he said to himself, as he left the Church. "He's thoroughly consecrated."

On reaching home he made his report to his uncle, who surprised him by asking what Luther thought an irrelevant question:

"What kind of a wife has he?"

"Why, uncle, we're going to call a preacher, not his wife!"

"You're in error there, my dear boy. We're going to call both of them. Don't you know that some preachers' wives do almost as much good in a congregation as their husbands?"

"Yes, that's so; there was Mrs. Heldberg, for instance. Well, I found out something about Mr. Berlew's wife, and I did it, too, without prying. She is a sweet tempered, spiritually minded little woman, a fine home keeper, a splendid worker in the Church as far as her household duties will allow, and, best of all, has special tact for pouring oil on troubled waters. I learned—no matter how—that she hasn't a sharp tongue, and that she knows when to keep still."

"My dear boy, you're a genius. No wonder, for you're the nephew of your old uncle. Ministers would make no matrimonial mistakes if all of them would let you pick out their wives for them. But now to business. As Mr. Wilsden's resignation has been accepted I'll go at once and dictate a letter to Rev. Mr. Berlew, asking him to supply our pulpit some Sunday in the near future."

Just how it was brought about it would take too long to tell; but the sequel to all this vigorous work was that in something over a month Mr. Berlew had received and accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Belmarue, and was hard at work developing his new field. Having only one occupation, that of preaching the Gospel and caring for the Church, he scoured the town, looking up the unconverted and the lukewarm. A faithful pastor, he was also a diligent student, which made him an instructive preacher. But he was more than instructive in his discourses, for he had conscientiously trained himself in the graces of public address, so that his manner of presenting the truth was pleasing and impressive. The result was his sermons soon began to attract attention, the daily papers of the city published weekly synopses of them and many people were anxious to listen to him. At first his audiences were small, but he never lost heart. In a year the church was too small, both for the Sunday school and the congregation, and the Luther League, which had grown to 60 members, needed a separate room for their devotional meetings.

There were "ups and downs" in the life of the church. There always are. It was not all smooth sailing. But devotion and energy always win in time. To make a long story short, in four years from the advent of Mr. Berlew into the pastorate the Lutheran congregation was worshipping in a large and handsome church located on one of the best sites that money could procure. This was largely due to the liberality of Mr. Arthur Colburn. Yet St. Paul's was not a "one man's church," for Mr. Colburn would not have it so. He had no idea of becoming a dictator simply because he had contributed more than any one else or all the rest put together.

A pitiful and yet amusing episode occurred soon after the congregation were settled in their elegant new church. Henry Steinman began to drop in at the evening services. Ere long he came twice of a Sunday. Luther watched him with keen interest. What could be Henry's motive in passing by the church to which he belonged? Luther did not have to wait long to find out. One morning Henry tarried for him in the vestibule.

"I thought we might as well walk together as far as we go the same way," he remarked, by way of explanation.

"That will be very agreeable to me," Luther replied.

"I notice your church has made great strides," said Henry, when they reached the street. "I can scarcely credit my eyes."

"We are the happiest church I have ever known," replied Luther, joyously. "All is peace and harmony. What is the status of affairs at your church?"

"Well—the fact is—we're in a peck of trouble. The minister who was pastor when I united with the church resigned almost a year ago. Then the church got to jangling over one thing and another, principally about calling a pastor, until I got disgusted and stayed away. One difficulty is, the rich men want to run the church and the rest don't want to let them. Finally they secured a pastor, but I don't like him. He isn't at all like his predecessor. I don't like him in the pulpit, or out of it, either. I like Mr. Berlew a great deal better. You have larger audiences now at the Lutheran Church than they have at the P— Church."

"I'm sorry to hear that your church is not prosperous."

"Well, it isn't. To be confidential, Luther, I've been thinking of transferring my membership to the Lutheran Church. I like Mr. Berlew better than any other minister in the city, and I like the people of your church, too. As an old friend and an influential member of St. Paul's Council, what would you think of my coming over to your church?"

"Do you want my honest opinion?"

"Certainly—no other."

"I should be pleased to have you join our church, providing it is the church of your choice and you feel that you can do more good with us than elsewhere. But, to speak frankly, I don't think your motive for wanting to leave your church a good one."

"Why not?"

"Because it is only a question of likes and dislikes with you. If you expect always to belong to a church that is harmonious and whose pastor pleases you, you will never stay anywhere very long; you will become a kind of ecclesiastical nomad. All churches have their difficulties at times. When we were in trouble you refused to join us and went to the P— Church. Now that the conditions are reversed, you are thinking of deserting them and coming to us. What would you do if difficulties should arise by and by in our church?"

"You're preaching at me now, Luther," rejoined Henry, resentfully. "I don't like it."

"You asked for my honest opinion. I don't think you ought to go around joining the preachers that happen to please your fancy. Join a church and stand by it. If you will join our church because you are at heart a Lutheran and want to help us in our work and will stand by us in adversity

as well as prosperity, then come, and welcome."

"You're just as preachy as ever," rejoined Henry, with a mechanical laugh. "Well, good-day. Our ways part here, I believe."

Here Henry Steinman drops out of our narrative, save to say that he roved from one church to another, just as he happened to "like" the preacher or the people, until at last he landed in the realm of religious indifferentism. Only the grace of God can change so fickle a disposition into one that is steadfast and noble.

To write "Finis" at this point would be to omit one of the most pleasing episodes of our little story. One summer Luther and his beloved uncle went to the Rocky Mountains for their vacation. In one of the splendid cities of the plains near the foot of the solemn mountains Luther met what is sometimes called a young man's "fate."

It was Sunday, with a refreshing breeze blowing down from the mountains. Luther had heard of a celebrated mission school in one of the destitute quarters of the city. In the afternoon he and his uncle went to see how the school was conducted. The session had already begun, and everything was in full swing. It was indeed a motley throng that met the visitors' eyes. They were seated on a raised platform in the rear, so that they could view the busy, humming life of the whole room. Suddenly Mr. Colburn gave a start.

"Look, Luther!" he whispered. "See the young woman teaching the class of ragamuffins over yonder in the corner."

Luther glanced in the direction indicated. Then it was his turn to start.

"It's Belle Devore!" he rejoined, in husky tones. "The day of miracles has come again."

"The day of spiritual miracles has never departed," responded his uncle.

Yes, it was Belle, who was standing before a large class of ragged boys of various sizes, and was explaining the lesson of the day from a small blackboard. She was so absorbed that she never looked up at the visitors on the platform. It was Belle's face, as beautiful as ever, but more womanly than of old, and transfigured by a spiritual experience. No air of haughtiness marked her manner now, but her eyes were scintillant with love for her boys and the Saviour who came to redeem them.

The session over, Luther and his uncle made their way to the place where she stood, the center of a group of noisy children. No matter what else she said and did when she recognized her old friends; after the first

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Luther League Topics

10th week after Trinity.

Aug. 3, 1902.

Baptism: Who?

(Matt. xxviii: 19 (R. V.); Luke xviii: 15-17)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller.

Questions to be answered in brief papers.
—See questions under Junior Topics in "Luther League Topics."

Lessons for our own lives: *Let us be thankful for a covenant that includes the little children.*—For the Scriptures distinctly show that the new-born babe is in a state of sin (John 3:6). The question is, How is the babe to become a child of God, to be "spirit" and not "flesh." Exclude baptism as inapplicable to children, and you have to meet the awful alternative that the loving Lord, who provided for the little ones a place in the Old Covenant, has left them out of the New. For apart from Baptism there is no means of grace that can be used with the babe. The Word of God preached requires understanding, intelligent reception. The child is incapable for many years of its life of receiving grace through that means. If Baptism is not for little children then Christ's words, "Suffer the little children" (the word means unweaned babes), "to come unto Me" has no present meaning, and we must believe that God wills for the whole human family to remain under the power of Satan, and outside of the covenant of His grace for the first years of life. We do not and cannot so believe. There is no reason so to believe. The question resolves itself into this, Is the babe incapable of the influences of the Holy Ghost? The Baptists say, the child is incapable of faith, and take "faith" to mean an explicit, intelligent comprehension of the system of faith. But put the question clearer, Is the babe incapable of being acted on by the Holy Ghost? Luke 1:15 answers in a most positive way; John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb. And Baptism is "water and the Holy Ghost" (John 3:5).

The real difference is an underlying one. To the Baptist, Baptism is not a Sacrament, but is a sacrifice, a confession of a faith that has been wrought through the preaching of the Word. It is mere water, and does nothing, brings nothing. Convince them of the sacramental power of Baptism and this error of theirs would of necessity drop away. We find in God's Word that Baptism is a Sacrament, a true means of conferring the Holy Spirit with His gifts. It belongs to the little child. God have mercy on those who deny it to the babe, and God give them light

to see the precious truth, and its rich privileges.

11th week after Trinity.

Aug. 10, 1902.

Rural and Frontier Missions

(John i: 32-51)

Missionary Topic reviewed by Rev. John F. Seibert, North Platte, Neb.

The wide-awake Lutheran is interested in every advance made by his Church. The East and West, city and village are terms simply to express geographical and numerical differences, not barometers to measure his devotion to the cause of missions.

It is difficult to overestimate our opportunities in the older sections of the country, the occupancy of which yield such splendid fruitage, but it is possible, at long range, to undervalue the work, possibilities and needs of the far Western city and hamlet. Compared with magnificent strides elsewhere, the results seem small, but contrasting present with past conditions, and this is the better way, there is much inspiration for greater effort. The development of the work in the English language alone, the difficulties peculiar to an unsettled region, the financial straits of our people, the sacrifices of the pastors, the wants of schools in touch with the field, to prepare an adequate ministry, and the struggles incident to ground breaking, seed sowing and foundation laying considered, calls for devout gratitude. The frontier lines of a generation since have been obliterated. The outposts of Minnesota, Kansas and Nebraska have given way to those of Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming and the Pacific Coast States. Congregations then struggling to live are now influential, and others since organized have become independent of the fostering care of mission societies. Of the comfort and joy in having the man of God visit the sick of fine home, sod house or dugout, with his word of cheer and consolation for the sorrowful and the dying, or of his many other public and private ministries, no one can write, nor will all be revealed until the books have been opened and the "inasmuch" spoken.

The financial outlay has been considerable, but the greater expense of effort, struggle, disappointments and heartaches of those who have labored to attain these results cannot be recorded. Every League would profit by studying the "Historical Sketch of the Synod of the Northwest." The story, so tersely told, with illustrations of tinshop, third story of hall and all, is a fair presentation of frontier missionary en-

deavor. Difficulties, however, dare not defeat, nor cost cause the Church to falter in the fulfillment of her heaven given mission. God has opened wide the door of opportunity. Others recognize this. The writer was urged by a Baptist minister to begin work in a community where the Lutherans outnumbered those of the other churches combined, because they could not reach them.

A Presbyterian Sunday school missionary, who has organized more than four hundred schools in the rural districts, said, "Your people are scattered everywhere. I constantly meet them." Some are not slow to proselyte these people. Read Rev. Haupt's stirring note in a recent *Lutheran* as to the organized effort of Episcopalians in the Northwest. Everywhere brethren are turning the barren prairies into comfortable homes. Under the systematic plan to colonize the sparsely settled districts adopted by the great lines of railway, the Union Pacific Railroad alone, according to press reports, having authorized the expenditure of \$100,000 for this purpose this year, these numbers will rapidly increase. Many have absorbed the Mammon spirit, and deprived so long of gospel privileges, have forgotten God and care little for His word or day. But many others manifest such an earnest desire for word and sacrament, hold the Church in such reverence, esteem the servant of God so highly, give so liberally that to minister to them is one of the greatest joys of a pastor's life. Would that all could know the devotion of our scattered brethren to their Church. Parents drive 30 miles in winter to keep an appointment to have their children baptized. Young people are sent that distance to be prepared for confirmation. Entire households gather from miles around on week day evenings, or suspending their farm labors come in daytime, to hear the preached word, and afterward to have the catechism taught. Gospel hungry, these children of the King need to be fed. "Give ye them to eat," says Christ to their kin in the faith. The responsibility cannot be evaded and the Church not suffer. Important citadels must be stormed; commanding positions must be held at every hazard, that from these centers the smaller towns and rural communities may eventually be cared for.

To enable the Church properly to shepherd her own and minister to the multitude who know not God, she is confronted with two great needs.

I. *Laborers*. I put this first. To me the source of an adequate ministry, adapted to

Western conditions for this enlarging work, is the most important, as it is one of the most perplexing problems the frontier church has to face. Readers of Church papers know the great anxiety, in at least three of the branches of Lutheranism, the scarcity of candidates for the holy office is causing. Leaguers, pray ye "the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into His harvest." Is there not one young man in every society to hear God's voice calling him to prepare for mission work?

II. *Increased Contributions*. "How shall they preach except they be sent?" To send your missionaries thousands of miles from the base of supply and compel them to worry along on salaries less than received by the mechanic is cruel. To expect them to do efficient work and be harassed constantly about their own expense is unjust. To imagine they can build up a congregation while worshipping in a hall is to disregard all known experience in mission work. The Church needs greatly increased offerings for home missions and Church extension.

12th week after Trinity. Aug. 17, 1902.

Baptism: How?

(Isa. xlii: 3; hi: 15; Ezek xxxvi: 25-27)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers. —What is the meaning of the word "baptize?" What is the testimony of the baptisms recorded in the New Testament? How were the disciples baptized with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost?

It is a strange thing that a body of Christians who make nothing of the meaning of Baptism, separate themselves from the rest of the Christian Church on the question of the mode of Baptism. The Baptists who have no other distinctive doctrine, stand apart from the rest of Christendom on the ground that immersion and nothing else is Baptism. We take exactly the opposite ground. We hold that the question whether Baptism is an empty form, or a full and rich means of grace is of supreme importance, and that the question whether it is to be performed by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion is relatively unimportant. But when our Baptism is denied because we have not been immersed, we are obliged to examine into this question also, for it is a matter of very great importance whether we have been baptized or not!

The whole argument of the Baptists for immersion depends on one single point. They maintain that the Greek word, "baptizo," means always and only "immerse."

If they are right in this contention they have a strong ground to stand upon. If they fail to prove the universal use of the word in this sole sense they have no argument at all. It takes very little unprejudiced study of the use of the word in the New Testament to show their mistake. Turn to the first chapter of the Acts. In verse 5, Christ foretells the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The second chapter describes that baptism. No man denies that the event of Pentecost was the promised baptism with the Holy Ghost. Yet Peter says (Acts 2:16, 17), "This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel, I will pour out of my Spirit." The very same thing which Christ calls baptism Peter says is a pouring out. We are not looking now at the evident fact that the baptism with water would naturally be in the same mode as the baptism with the Spirit, but simply at the fact that "baptize" here not only does not mean immerse, but does mean "pour out." In Mark 7:4, the "washings" (Greek, "baptisms," could not mean immersions, for no one washes pots, brazen vessels and couches (see margin), by complete immersions. Israel was distinctly not immersed in the Red Sea, or in the cloud, but St. Paul says they were baptized in both (I. Cor. 10:1, 2).

All the other arguments confirm what we have seen, but no other is necessary. If "baptizo" ever means anything else than immerse the Baptist argument has not a leg to stand on.

13th week after Trinity. Aug. 24, 1902.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

(Jer. 1-1-10)

Historical Topic reviewed by Rev. John W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa.

Some years ago a friend presented to me a quaint little calendar with Scripture verses and a hymn for each day. It is nearly a century and a half old. But its chief value is that it belonged to our Patriarch, and helped him each day to begin a new page of that goodly activity which gathered together our Lutheran forefathers, kept peace in their congregations, and united them in the old "Mother Synod" of Pennsylvania.

He was neither the first nor the last to do pioneer work for our beloved Church in America. Our national President bears the name, and has inherited the zeal, of an earlier pathfinder. But Muhlenberg, like Luther among the reformers, built the highway along which we have marched to our present prosperity. We are especially fortunate in having the diaries in which, busy as he was, he entered each day's labors, hopes and

fears, to send them as his missionary reports to the fathers at Halle.

They tell of difficulties and discouragements, hardships and sacrifices that must ever be an inspiration to our pastors and people. Like the calendar, they testify to his devout spirit, which in itself makes Muhlenberg worthy of study and imitation by our Leaguers.

His acceptance of the call to Pennsylvania in those days testifies to his unselfishness and courage. It was before Fulton made the voyage short, and Plimsoll safe. When the convoy parted with Muhlenberg's ship her captain consoled the defenseless passengers by assuring them their rotten hulk would never reach the other side, even if they escaped the Spanish privateers. It did, however, after three months' of misery, in which they nearly died for lack of water. Other ships fared worse, losing as many as 250 passengers by small-pox.

No sooner did Muhlenberg land at Philadelphia than he set out to visit his congregations in the country, and almost lost his life in fording a swollen stream. His people were scattered over 45 miles of such bridgeless and almost pathless country. They were so poor that his salary the first year only bought a horse and partly paid his house rent. His table was furnished with game and fish, which they brought him, when he was not traveling and enjoying the rude hospitality of some log hut in the backwoods. He made many longer journeys when assistants came to help him in his large charge, where in two years he added seven preaching points to the three original congregations. His activity extended north to Rhinebeck, N. Y.; west to York, Pa., and as far south as Georgia. In his Zion's Church President Washington often worshiped when Congress met at Philadelphia. And there the memorial service was held, at which Gen. Henry Lee gave public utterance to the familiar encomium: "First in war," etc. This church was for many years the most commodious house of worship in North America.

Besides Muhlenberg's devout spirit and zealous activity, his scholarship demands our admiration. He often addressed the Synod in Latin, and preached regularly in German, English and Dutch. That the Hollanders in New York were pleased during his temporary pastorate there is proved by an amusing incident. One of them walked 3 miles toward home, pondering over the sermon he had heard, before he thought of his horse, which stood tied to a post near the church door. His voice was so full and clear that on those Sundays in New York

the Episcopalians complained that they could hear through the open windows more of the Lutheran sermon than of their own service. What a masterly solution of our language question that was, when Muhlenberg preached each Sunday in that old Dutch church in the three different languages which his hearers preferred.

Many other goodly suggestions may be found in the delightful pages of his biography, as penned by the sainted Dr. Mann. Synodical reports and supervision began with the Synod he founded in 1748. The same form of service was already in use among those who held the same, Augsburg Confession of faith. Yet in this there were no high church features to annoy our forefathers with their simpler tastes. And had his spirit of dividing charges fallen upon his successors, they might have "formed" their charges after a more Godly fashion. In his love for the Church Muhlenberg was ready to make himself responsible for the large debt of the Bowen Hill congregation. But as it was his wife's dowry that was to be pledged, and she had already devoted much of it to his traveling expenses, she insisted that in this case prudence must temper zeal.

This man stood for two things we have not always been able to harmonize, sound doctrine and brotherly love. When Muhlenberg had preached in a vacant Episcopal pulpit in Maryland he was offered the county pastorate, but declined the tempting offer with salary from the State, because he was a Lutheran. On one occasion Whitfield had been invited to preach in Old Zion's Church, but Muhlenberg was shocked by his denial of regenerating grace in Holy Baptism, which made it a sign instead of a Sacrament. Each church he founded stood squarely on the Unaltered Augustana, and its constitution demanded a ministry willing to subscribe heartily to it. Yet between Muhlenberg and Michael Schlatter, the Reformed Patriarch, there was the deepest respect and warmest intimacy in a special way. This neighborly unity, peace and good fellowship was strengthened by Schlatter's marriage to a good Lutheran woman from the Philadelphia congregation. On all sides his Christian courtesy and kindness won him friends, but always without any sacrifice of that

"Word of God, which Luther taught.

With its ten thousand blessings fraught."

Let your religion be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong; yet far over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner.—*The Christian Youth*.

Daily Bible Readings

- July 6. VI Trinity—Luke 7: 29-35.
Monday—Genesis 9: 25-27.
Tuesday—Psalm 72: 1-20.
Wednesday—Isaiah 60: 1-14.
Thursday—Matthew 16: 13-20.
Friday—Romans 10: 1-21.
Saturday—I Peter 4: 1-19.
- July 13. VII Trinity—Acts 13: 1-5.
Monday—Psalm 92: 1-15.
Tuesday—Ezra 9: 5-15.
Wednesday—Daniel 9: 4-19.
Thursday—Matthew 15: 21-28.
Friday—Acts 1: 1-14.
Saturday—James 5: 13-18.
- July 20. VIII Trinity—Isaiah 37: 15-20.
Monday—Isaiah 63: 1-19.
Tuesday—Jeremiah 2: 31-37.
Wednesday—Ezekiel 2: 1; 3: 3.
Thursday—Daniel 12: 1-13.
Friday—Matthew 21: 33-46.
Saturday—Romans 11: 1-12.
- July 27. IX Trinity—Acts 8: 1-8.
Monday—Genesis 17: 1-14.
Tuesday—Deut. 29: 10-29.
Wednesday—Joshua 5: 1-9.
Thursday—Acts 15: 1-31.
Friday—Matthew 19: 13-15; Acts 2: 37-40.
Saturday—Gal. 3: 6-29.
- Aug. 3. X Trinity—Matthew 28: 19; Luke 18: 15-17.
Monday—Exodus 6: 1-8.
Tuesday—Nehemiah 1: 1-11.
Wednesday—Isaiah 61: 1-11.
Thursday—Matthew 10: 11-20.
Friday—Mark 4: 26-41.
Saturday—I Corinthians 16: 1-24.
- Aug. 10. XI Trinity—John 1: 35-51.
Monday—Exodus 14: 13-31.
Tuesday—Joshua 3: 9-17.
Wednesday—Leviticus 14: 48-57.
Thursday—Matthew 3: 13-17.
Friday—Acts 8: 26-40.
Saturday—Acts 10: 44-48.
- Aug. 17. XII Trinity—Isaiah 55: 3; 52: 15; Ezek. 36: 25-27.
Monday—Ezra 1: 1-11.
Tuesday—Nehemiah 2: 1-20.
Wednesday—Job 42: 1-17.
Thursday—Isaiah 54: 1-17.
Friday—II Corinthians 6: 1-48.
Saturday—II Thessalonians 3: 1-18.
- Aug. 24.—XIII Trinity—Jeremiah 1: 4-10.

A Yankee Pilot

A Yankee pilot, who applied to the owner of a Mississippi steamboat for a position, when asked about the snags in the river, replied that he did not know exactly where they were. The master, surprised, asked: "How do you expect to get a position as pilot on this river?" and he answered: "Well, sir, I may not know just where the snags are, but you can depend upon me for knowin' where they ain't, and that's where I calculate to do my sailin'." What a rebuke to those who think that they know the pitfalls and temptations of life, who boast of their own sufficient strength to avoid these, and therefore risk their lives, instead of keeping out of the way of evil.

Gone to His Reward

IN the death of Rev. Dr. S. B. Barnitz the Lutheran Church is again called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful and devoted servant, who died at Des Moines, Iowa, on June 12.

In this number we review a Missionary Topic, the lesson of August 10, entitled "Rural and Frontier Missions." None has contributed more to that cause than Dr. Barnitz, who, as the Western secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, devoted 20 years to the arduous task.

How did he accomplish it? Let the answer come from the missions and the prosperous churches that are now to be found all over that great empire stretching west from Chicago to the Golden Gate. Let the answer come from the institutions of higher learning west of the Mississippi River. Let it come from the hosts of our foreign born brethren who have learned through Dr. Barnitz that here in America, among a strange people, are to be found the same great Lutheran doctrines and cults that have produced their magnificent fruitage in the lands beyond the sea. Oh, it would be an answer that would be more than gratifying could it come rolling across the mighty plains of the West!

When we study this lesson of August 10 let us remember Dr. Barnitz.

Samuel Bacon Barnitz was born May 12, 1838, at York, Pa. He spent his early days as clerk in a store, entering Pennsylvania College and graduating in the class of 1858. His theological training was also secured

at Gettysburg, and in 1861 he was licensed to preach the Gospel. That same year, 1861, he began his work in the ministry, being interested in the possibilities of Wheeling as a point for a General Synod Church. Here he remained for 21 years, doing a work that for zeal and thoroughness commended him highly to the proper authorities as the right man to send out into the great West, to superintend the building of a church that should be a credit to the

Lutheran name. Since 1882 he has been the Western secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Our sympathies are offered to the sadly bereaved ones.

The funeral services were held in St. John's Church, Des Moines, on June 14, and were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wirt, D.D. The sermon was preached by Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., President of the Board of Education, St. Louis, Mo., and an address was delivered by the pastor. The Burial Service of the Ministerial Acts was used in full. The ministers present and participating in the service were Rev.



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A short service was held at the house, and then the remains were taken to the church. As the funeral cortège passed the Episcopal church on its way to the cemetery the chimes played "Abide with Me."



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Editorial

Off for the Convention.—Shortly after this issue reaches our readers many of the Leaguers will be on their way Northwestward, with hearts full of hope and prayer for the work of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Convention. Those of the East will meet many of the same faith whom they have not known, and of whom they have not heard, but they go in the spirit of common brotherhood, and their Lutheran hearts should beat with those of the West as they recount the work of the Church and consider the brilliant future which is before it, if the means which God in His wise providence has placed within our reach be fully utilized and employed.

There is much work before us as a Church, and we as Leaguers have much to do with that work. Let us be up and doing with earnestness that which lies at our hands, and seeking for that which we can do and is for us to do, if we only look after it. But work alone is not sufficient. There must be an earnestness in it founded upon faith, in that God, who has promised to be strength to those who are weak, and faith, encouraged by prayer, for it is said that a man of faith is a man of prayer, and a man of prayer is certainly a man of work.

What shall be our report at this convention, and what shall be the results in the hereafter God alone knows, but it rests upon each one of us to do his part according as God has given us ability. Great are our opportunities, wide is the field, rich is the harvest. Are we sufficient for the day and the opportunity, or will we fail? God forbid. May we all be strengthened; those who remain at home by prayer and thought for those who are at the convention, and those at the meeting that they may work and plan wisely, so that all may do their part in the great work.

Do we wish to make the most of our summer vacation? Then let us "rejoice in the Lord" during those days. If we take all our joys as from His hand, the joys will be glorified. Let God shine through them. There will be a genuineness and fulness about them which will be wonderfully satisfying.

Let us "adjust" ourselves to those about us. We cannot expect all the conditions and people to exactly please us. The secret of enjoying our vacation lies so often within ourselves. If we make an honest effort to adapt ourselves to our surroundings we are apt to find people and conditions much more agreeable than we anticipated. So much depends upon the spirit with which we come upon the scene.

Open eyes and hearts ought we to take

with us on our summer's outing. Eyes and hearts open to see the glories of God's summer world; eyes and hearts open to see our opportunities to be of service to souls about us. These vacation days will offer us many an occasion to be like the Master, "who went about doing good." Many a door of Christian opportunity will be opened. May we be alert to enter with an abiding blessing.

Take time during the summer for quiet hours under the trees with your Bible.

Take time to be alone with God amid the beauties of His world.

Take time to be thoughtful and considerate of others. The little courtesies of life add so much to the sum total of human happiness.

Are we "living epistles?" At the summer hotels and boarding houses there is great need of such, Christians who are "living messages" of Christ to those about them. All too many confessing Christians seem to forget that they bear about with them the honor of the Lord Jesus. As a result, how difficult a matter it often is to discern the Christians among the guests at the summer hotel or farm house. Let us take Christ with us to the country.

The summer will afford you time to plan for your League's work during the next winter. Remember you ought to have a plan. Haphazard work produces no lasting results. It is not the purpose of a Luther League to simply keep itself alive or minister to the selfishness of its members. Its purpose is to work for the spread of the kingdom. If it does not do that it has no right to exist and cumber the ground. If it has no definite purpose and plan to this end it will die.

How true is the saying that "the world most needs more of the Gospel of the old and true and tried sort, rather than that which is based upon allegorical ideas of the higher critics.

Publishers' Column.

Arrangements have been made to display at the Memorial Church, St. Paul, where the business sessions of the National Convention are to be held, a complete set of books of each of the four Luther League Reading Courses. Rev. Charles L. Fry, literary secretary, and Rev. George H. Schnur, assistant literary secretary, will be there to give any information that may be desired and will also take your orders for the books.

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East and West

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start of surprise, she greeted them by impulsively putting both her hands in theirs by turn, while the happy tears followed one another in rapid succession down her fair cheeks.

"This is noble work you are doing, Miss Devore," said Luther, as soon as he could control his voice. "How did you come to engage in it?"

"The grace of God sometimes does wonders," she replied. "If you and your uncle will walk home with me I will tell you the story."

It was a simple and affecting story—the story of a genuine conversion, of a girl upon whom the hollow gayeties of the world had palled, and who had turned to Christ for reality, and had found in Him and His love more than all the world can bestow. Thus she had learned the true meaning of life, which is to minister, not to be ministered unto.

Six months later she was teaching a class of ragged girls and boys in her native city of Belmarue, and in one of the rooms of St. Paul's Lutheran Church—a pretty room that had been especially fitted up for her beneficent purpose.

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Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in the Bronx, was organized one year ago by Rev. A. A. King in an unoccupied storeroom. The congregation has grown to 105 communicants; the Sunday school numbers 200. The officers are about to purchase ground which will cost over \$13,000, and plans are being drawn for a \$50,000 church building to be begun next fall.

— Pastor J. Rathke established a new German mission on Bathgate avenue.

Brooklyn

— The Church of the Incarnation, Bay Ridge, Rev. William Steinbicker, pastor, which was organized December 15, 1901, has purchased for \$12,000 a corner lot 100 feet square, with a house which can be used for the present for holding services and as pastor's residence. The membership is 34 and the outlook is promising.

Philadelphia

— The new Temple Lutheran Church was dedicated the last Sunday in June.

— With impressive ceremonies ground was broken May 20 on the site of the Ashmead-Schaeffer Memorial Lutheran Church, on the grounds of the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Many prominent Lutherans from all parts of the city and the faculty and students of the seminary witnessed the ceremony. The new church is to cost \$30,000.

— On Sunday, May 25, Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk was installed pastor of St. Matthew's Church.

— The Fort Washington congregation, Rev. Chas. H. Tilp, pastor, has begun a branch work at Hoopeston, a suburb.

Chicago

— A building has been purchased for a Danish-American Old People's Home at Norwood Park, a suburb of Chicago. It is supported by a Danish society which has an income of \$1,500 per year. The president is Mrs. C. H. Hansen, wife of the Danish Consul at Chicago.

— The corner stone of the new Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess' Home was laid Sunday, May 11, with appropriate ceremonies. The building is progressing nicely and is far beyond the foundation, the corner stone laying having been unduly delayed.

— The Ravenswood Lutheran Church, Rev. F. W. Meyer, pastor, organized five years ago, has paid the balance of its interest bearing mortgage debt. During the past five years 139 members have been received into the church and a Sunday school of nearly 300 scholars gathered.

— The congregation in Chicago belonging to the Missouri Synod intend to build a hospital in that city, the building and site to cost about \$100,000.

— St. Matthew's, the prosperous Chicago Synod mission on the southwest side, had an accession of nine and rejoiced over new pews to replace the chairs hitherto used at the last communion service. Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, the pastor, made a hurried trip to Plattville, Wis., the early part of June and organized an English Lutheran congregation, which will from the start be self supporting.

— Rev. Dr. Harpster has been making a tour through the General Council Synods and centers of influence delivering some very forceful

and effective addresses in the interest of foreign missions.

— Rev. Dr. Teleen, former superintendent of Foreign Missions, is now traveling secretary for English Home Missions of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod. This move means much for the interests of our rapidly Americanizing Scandinavians.

— Rev. A. C. Anda, the aggressive mission director of the Chicago Synod, has accepted a call as Sunday school field secretary of the General Council. At the recent meeting of the Chicago Synod Rev. Dr. W. L. Hunton was selected as the new synodical missionary superintendent.

New Haven

— A new Lutheran church is being organized in this city, the first English Lutheran church in Connecticut. The canvass is being conducted by Rev. M. G. Boyer, D.D., and the services are being held in the Insurance Hall.

Washington

— St. John's congregation, Rev. George Brodthage, pastor, will shortly begin the work of remodeling and enlarging their church edifice. The cost is to be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$7,000. On May 28 the handsome brick building of the Christian and Elenora Ruppert Home for the Aged was dedicated. The home is located in Anacostia, across the eastern branch from the navy yard and near the German Orphan Asylum, and will accommodate over 60 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Ruppert were connected with Concordia Church, whose pastor, Rev. P. A. Menzel, participated in the exercises. The Ruppert Home is for the aged, regardless of race and creed.

Louisville

— Ground has been broken and the foundation is being laid for a fine \$35,000 church building for the Second Lutheran Church. This new building is to be located on Jefferson street and will be a splendid equipment for this progressive congregation.

Cleveland

— The General Synod has begun a new mission on the West Side. Rev. W. B. Lahr is in charge.

Toledo

— The new building of the Glenwood Avenue Church, Rev. F. E. Leamer, pastor, was consecrated on May 11. Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D.D., preached the dedicatory sermon and a number of clergymen participated in the services. The congregation was organized on Easter Sunday, 1901, and now numbers 63 members. The building is of stone and cost about \$5,000. Its seating capacity is nearly 500.

MISCELLANEOUS

— The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod recently received several gifts worthy of notice. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Geiger of St. Paul's Church, Dansville, N. Y., who died January 24, 1901, bequeathed \$500. A contribution of \$101.23 is made by members and churches of the United Norwegian Synod of America. A gift of \$1,000 is made by Mr. Garrard S. Watts of the Second Church, Baltimore, Md. A \$65 safe for use in the office of the board is given by Mr. John R. Lemmert, also of the Second Church, and the L. H. Miller Safe & Iron Works of Baltimore.

—The Church of the Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor, recently consecrated its edifice, which was erected 17 years ago, but not dedicated then on account of a debt of \$18,000. The property, now entirely free from debt, is valued at \$36,000.

—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Kensington, Pa., Rev. H. S. Gilbert, pastor, was consecrated May 25. Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., president of the Pittsburgh Synod, preached the dedicatory sermon.

—On Sunday, May 11, the chapel which the First Lutheran Church of Johnstown, Pa., erected for its members who are residents of Moxham, was formally dedicated by the pastor of the church, Rev. Wm. Alfred Shipman, D.D., assisted by Rev. F. S. Schultz of Grace Lutheran Church, also of the city. The lot and church cost approximately \$5,000.

—The new congregation at Windsor Park, York, Pa., contemplates the erection of a chapel this summer.

—The corner stone of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Altoona, Pa., Rev. E. J. Metzler, pastor, was laid with appropriate ceremonies June 8.

—On Sunday, May 11, the new edifice of Zion Lutheran Church, Londonville, Ohio, was consecrated. The structure is of brick, Romanesque in design, and cost \$15,000. Rev. M. R. Walter is the pastor.

—The new building of the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Rev. G. F. Gehr, pastor, was consecrated in May. It is a handsome Gothic structure, costing about \$10,000. The congregation is three years old.

—The congregation of St. Andrew's, Hickory, N. C., has decided to erect a house of worship. The building is to be a brick structure of modern design, to cost not less than \$4,000.

—An English Lutheran congregation has been organized in Lindstorm, Minn., which is self supporting from the start.

—Early on Wednesday morning, May 21, Memorial Hall of Thiel College, located at Greenville, Pa., was totally destroyed by fire. Memorial Hall was a building about 80 x 45 feet in size and was erected in the commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. It contained chapel, waiting room, six recitation rooms and the three literary society halls. With it were destroyed three pianos, one reed and one pipe organ, surveyors, transit, telescope, all the collections and cabinets, and all the scientific apparatus except that pertaining to the chemical and physical laboratories. The only things of value saved were the painting of Martin Luther, presented by the late Henry Jarecki of Erie; the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Thiel, the founders of the college; several typewriters and a professor's desk. The insurance is only nominal, being \$5,000, and perhaps \$6,000, so far as now is known.

—The students of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., have started a movement to raise \$10,000 to erect a handsome Y. M. C. A. building on the campus.

—The students of Susquehanna University pledged \$1,205 toward the cost of constructing a new gymnasium, provided same shall cost not less than \$6,000 and be completed by April 1, 1903.

—The Norwegian Lutheran Normal School at Sioux Falls, S. D., recently received a sub-

scription of \$10,000 from the citizens in and around the city.

—The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Madison, Minn., was dedicated June 2.

—Tressler Orphans' Home, Loysville, Pa., has received \$200 by the will of the late Wm. F. Kunkel of Baltimore.

—Chicago Lutheran Seminary has been offered \$25,000, provided a like amount is raised by January 1, 1903. Of the required amount \$15,000 has been pledged, and there is no doubt the balance will be raised before January.

—At the late meeting of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod it was decided to build a dwelling house for the Orphans' Home at Andover, Ill., and to purchase 32 acres of land which lies adjoining the property.

—Mr. Peter Swensson of Glencoe, Minn., has donated \$500 to the Orphans' Home at Vasa, Minn.

—The trustees of Susquehanna University have elected Rev. George W. Enders, D.D., of York, Pa., president of the university, and Rev. S. W. Owens, D.D., of Hagerstown, Md., president of the board. Dr. Enders will continue as pastor of Christ Church at York and will serve Susquehanna without compensation.

—The corner stone of the new library building for St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., was laid recently. The building is the gift of Consul Halle Steensland, who was present and made an address at the laying of the stone.

—The Chicago Synod's convention at Napanee was the banner meeting in the Synod's History. Three graduates of the Chicago Seminary were ordained and one other pastor received. The Synod supported 11 missions during the year, and has under consideration a half dozen new and promising fields. Four mission services were held, and people gathered to the sessions and services from a radius of 40 miles. The enrolled communicant membership is 4,238. Five thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-three cents was the total for benevolence during the year, an average of \$1.21 per member.

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The Statistical Secretary has frequent requests from various sources for information about the Luther League of America, and would like to have the data at hand so that reliable information can be given. Estimates, at the best, are very unsatisfactory. Let each League do its duty and this department of our church's work will not be misrepresented before the world.

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NEW YORK STATE

— President George D. Boschen of the State League has appointed the following delegates to the National Convention: E. F. Eilert, A.M., I. S. Ruuyn and Miss Emma C. Linn, New York; James M. Reynolds, Valatie; Rev. M. J. Bieber, Binghamton.

New York City

— The Executive Committee of the City League is considering ways and means to afford the young people of the Church increased facilities for systematic study of the Bible and the subject of religion. Many members who are workers in the Sunday schools have asked for better means to prepare for their work, and the growing need for competent pastors' helpers among the laity is adding emphasis to the demand. The committee is in consultation with the pastors and a thorough canvass of the subject is being made.

— The delegates of the City League to the National Convention are Rev. J. W. Smith, Frank E. Jackson and James Gear.

— The Young People's Society of Gustavus Adolphus Church, Rev. Mauritz Stolpe, pastor, held a strawberry festival in the evening of June 7, which proved thoroughly enjoyable and successful. Having suspended meetings for the summer months, the next meeting will be held September 5.

NEW JERSEY

— The third "rally" of the young Lutherans of the State was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Jersey City, Rev. E. E. Neudewitz, pastor, on Monday evening, June 30. The general topic discussed was "The Luther League as an Educational Society." A complete report will be published next month.

— The Junior Luther League of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church of Hoboken, Rev. S. F. Behringer, D.D., pastor, celebrated its first anniversary on June 25. It numbers about 20 members.

— The annual report of the Luther League of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor, shows vigorous growth and generous activity. To the membership of 46 at the beginning of the fiscal year 33 new members were added, while a loss of 12 inactive members by resignation leaves the present roll at 67. About \$100 were contributed by members during the year, \$50 of which

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was donated to the church toward the purchase of a lot. Devotional and social meetings are features of the work. The officers are: Pres., Howard Keiper; vice-pres., Adam Christ; cor. sec., Miss M. S. Burkemann; fin. sec., Miss Johanna Neubeck; treas., O. F. Mader.

— "The Relation of Young People's Societies to the Congregation" was one of the subjects discussed at the recent meeting of the Southern Conference of the Synod of New York and New Jersey. The essayist was Rev. John E. Heindel of Jersey City.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The delegation of the State League to the National Convention consists of the following: Wm. C. Stoeber, Esq., F. A. Hartranft, Esq., and Rev. Charles L. Fry of Philadelphia; Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Lafayette Hill; Mr. Horace W. Bikle, Pittsburgh, and George A. Baldwin, Esq., Rochester.

Philadelphia

— The twenty-eighth meeting of the Philadelphia Central Luther League was held in St. Mark's Church on Thursday evening, May 29, 1902. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. E. H. Delk. His subject was "If Luther Came to America." The youthful life was spoken of as an attractive power in modern church life. The speaker felt that this would be a joy to Luther if he came to America and that he would organize young people for all manner of good works. The business of the meeting followed the address. Sixteen Leagues were represented. The Executive and Visitation committees reported. Announcement was made of the National Convention to be held in Minneapolis in July. It was decided to send three delegates to this convention. After extending the thanks of the Central to the League, pastor and choir of St. Mark's, the convention adjourned.

— Three hundred children, members of the Luther Leagues of this city, participated in a "May party" on Saturday, May 31. The exercise was held on the athletic field in Willow Grove Park. The children were attired in white, wore wreaths of flowers on their heads and carried American flags. Miss Edith Duncan was the May Queen and rode in a beautiful floral chariot. The programme consisted of pretty tableaux and appropriate songs, concluding with the chorus of the Luther League Rally Hymn and a waving salute.

Upper Lehigh Valley Central

— The sixteenth semiannual convention of the Central Luther League of the Upper Lehigh Valley met in St. John's Lutheran Church, Mauch Chunk, at 10 a.m., May 6. The opening services were conducted by Rev. V. J.

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Bauer. An address of welcome was delivered by E. F. Kuntz of Mauch Chunk and was responded to by the president, Rev. J. J. Kuntz. The Credential Committee reported 40 delegates and 14 pastors present. The president read the semiannual and statistical reports, and upon his recommendation two delegates, Rev. V. J. Bauer and Prof. G. W. Gilbert, were elected to the State convention, to be held at Lewistown, and a 5-cent offering per capita of all the Leagues in the Central for the benefit of the North Scranton Mission was authorized. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$111.09. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. J. J. Bauer, Summit Hill; vice-pres., Chas. Brighthaupt, Butler Valley; sec., Arvilla Straub, Lehighton; treas., George Begel, Weissport. The second session opened at 1.30 p.m. with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. J. Keuling. "The Need of Good Leaders" was to have been presented, but the speaker was not present. Essays on "How to Make the Luther League of Practical Value" were read as follows: "To the Congregation," by Miss Helker; "To Its Members," by Miss Ida Snyder; "To the Community," by James Solt. An essay on "Strong and Weak Points of the Luther League" was read by Frederick Kehler. An essay on "How Can We Promote a Higher Standard of Character Among Our People?" was read by Robert Kunkle. After the close of the meeting the delegates were treated to a trolley ride. The third session opened at 7.30 p.m. with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. J. Gable. The choir rendered a selection, after which the following addresses were delivered: "The Educated Workers," by Rev. C. J. Gable; "The Spiritual Helpfulness of the League," by Rev. J. O. Schlenker; "The Value of Religious Knowledge," by Rev. E. F. Ritter. Two original poems were read by Rev. A. C. Wuchter. An instrumental selection was contributed by Professor Gilbert, during which the offerings were taken, which amounted to \$6.63. "Question Box" was conducted by Rev. J. H. Kuder. The fourth session opened on Wednesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Kuder. Invitations were extended by the Weatherby, Freeland and Hazlet Leagues. It was unanimously voted to hold the next convention at Weatherby. A vote of thanks was extended to the Mauch Chunk League for their generous hospitality. A resolution was adopted that the Central furnish a memorial altar for the Packerton congregation. The following essays were read: "Better Music," by Prof. G. W. Gilbert; "Individual Effort," by Miss Dena Myers; "Our Heritage—the Bible," by Miss Alice V. Serfass; "Our Lay Workers," by Mrs. Klingeman; "Biblical Benevolence," by W. D. Keller. Adjournment followed.

Northeastern Central

—Three new Leagues have been organized in this district recently, and there are fair prospects for three others within a short time.

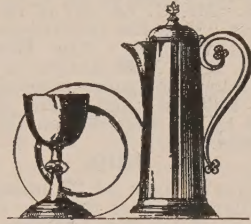
—The Luther League of St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, now numbers 68 members, a net gain of 31 since January 1, 1902. Devotional meetings were begun about December 1, 1901, with an attendance of five members. Now the attendance is 30.

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Greensburg Central

—The convention of the Greensburg Central Luther League was held June 25 in Holy Trinity Church, Jeannette, Rev. F. S. Beistel, pastor. There were morning and afternoon sessions, and the subjects discussed were: "Our Young People and the League," "Young People and the Lord's Day," "Young People and the Lord's House," "Our Young People and Church Finances," "Our Young People and Practical Christianity."

Pittsburgh Central

—The ninth annual convention of the Luther League of Joint Synod, East, will be held in Christ Church, Knoxville, Pittsburgh, July 15-17.

—The young people of Rev. O. S. Oglesby's congregation, Knoxville, S. S., Pittsburgh, have been instrumental in having their church repapered, revarnished and the interior renovated generally.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

—Tuesday evening, May 27, the annual business meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union was held at the Church of the Reformation, Rev. W. E. Parson, D.D., pastor, the president of the union, Rev. C. H. Butler, presiding. Annual reports were submitted by the secretary, Miss Hinkel of the Reformation Society; the treasurer, Miss Kettler of Concordia, and by Miss Leeds of St. Paul's, chairman, in charge of the union's work at the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club, where the union, through its

Pennsylvania Chautauqua

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OHIO

—A Luther League of 37 members is one of the auxiliary societies that are contributing to the success of the new Lutheran Church at Canton, of which Rev. G. C. Schaub is pastor. The League has raised \$155 toward the new church building.

—The Luther League of the Church at Xenia, Rev. Arthur E. Gringel, pastor, is helping to replace the edifice which was recently destroyed by fire.

ILLINOIS

—The following delegates have been appointed to represent the Illinois State League at the National Convention and will attend: Dr. G. C. Gerberding, Chicago; Dr. F. L. Sigmond, Carthage; H. W. Theis, Beardstown; F. R. Matson, Chicago; M. C. Olson, Chicago; Rev. G. K. Stark, Evanston; Miss Nellie Swanson, Galesburg; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Chicago.

—May 13 an enthusiastic meeting was held by the Fox River Valley District Luther League in Bethlehem Swedish Church, Elgin, Ill. The several hundred young people coming from Aurora, Geneva, St. Charles and Elgin were pleasantly entertained by the Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, Elgin. After devotional services an excellent programme was rendered. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Adolf Hult of Chicago, who gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Church Choir in the Lutheran Service." He spoke particularly of the meaning of the church choir, the purpose of the choir as a part of the service and the realization of its high calling. After the programme a very pleasant time was spent in social intercourse.

—At its last business meeting the Luther League of Elliott re-elected the following officers: Vice-pres., Miss Emma Thorson; sec., Miss Bertha Aplan; treas., Mr. P. K. Dahl. One hundred and fifty choice books are the beginning of a Luther League library.

KANSAS

—A Luther League was recently organized in the Lutheran Church at Emporia, Rev. A. Nicholas, pastor. An average of 25 attend the meetings. A systematic reading of the first five books of the Reading Course has been undertaken and there are 15 subscribers to the REVIEW. The officers are: Pres., Fiebie Held; vice-pres., Della Altman; sec., Blanche I. Nicholas; treas., Edith Zielies.

CALIFORNIA.

—A Luther League of 15 members was organized at Redlands May 11. The pastor, Rev. F. C. Vierke, was made president.

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The Juniors

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ON the Fourth of July, 1519, more than two and a half centuries before the presentation of the Declaration of American Independence, there was a notable discussion at the old city of Leipsic, Germany, of the false authority of the pope, the errors of penance, indulgences and purgatory, by the vigorous young Dr. Martin Luther, aged 35 years, with John Eck, a noted Romanist of Ingolstadt, rejoining.

No human being has since been able to measure the value and influence upon the religious and civil liberty of the entire world that flowed from that struggle of the heroic mind of Luther, with the gnarled and twisted roots of intergrown errors, falsehoods and superstitions that had presumed to hide the great, true door of the Church, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

It is generally supposed that on or about the fifteenth day of July the first Lutheran foot was set upon the sod of New York (New Amsterdam then), in 1622. In 1626 Peter Minuit bought the entire island of Manhattan for \$24. How much would it cost to-day?

No doubt many of our Leagues will take advantage of the bright, warm days to enjoy outings of every kind, picnics, trips, vacation, excursions, expeditions, after specimens and curios. Truly, such days are full of opportunity to all those who are permitted to enjoy them.

While Lutheran literature, leagues, schools and colleges are pre-eminently provided for our own sons and daughters, we are very happy to have others to come and take advantage of them, and to share with us our good things.

How many good causes may our Juniors work in? Some are spiritual, like the study of the Word; others are humane, like the Fresh Air Fund; others are personal, like the good resolves we make; others are broad, like foreign missions. Are you working for something?

The young people of every Church may (and of right, ought to) be "leagued together to battle for the right."

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What a beautiful crown is that which is to be the symbol of England's power, set upon the brow of Victoria's eldest son. Yet such a crown is but a bauble, compared with the "crown of glory that fadeth not away; reserved in heaven" for the child of God.

May the glorious motto, "Working and Praying, Praying and Working," be the watchword, not only of the splendid convention of the year at St. Paul-Minneapolis, but all round the broad field, wherever one member of any League is found. The smallest twig on the utmost branch that is doing its part is a symbol of the life of the entire tree.

The system of the Luther League is so broad that it always gives opportunity for the development of individual ideas of a local advantage.

Committing to memory choice portions of scripture, hymns, Luther's small catechism, noble bits of poetry or prose, is a most valuable practice that should be cultivated and everywhere encouraged.

If you take an outing be sure that you continue in the Lord's service, as a confessor of Christ, wherever you may go.

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